

## November

**1 Fall Fun at Ferry Farm** George Washington's boyhood home celebrates the season with games, crafts and fun activities, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$ [www.kenmore.org](http://www.kenmore.org)

**4 to Jan. 29 Sound of Music** Live classic Broadway musicals experienced from your own private dining table. Nightly 6:30 dinner, 8 p.m. show time; Sunday matinees, dine at 1:30 p.m., show at 3 p.m. \$ [www.riversidedt.com](http://www.riversidedt.com)

**5 Spotsylvania Fall Festival** A fun family event with crafters and children's activities, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marshall Building, Spotsylvania Courthouse. Free.

**12 and 13 Downtown Holiday Open House** Festive holiday decorations, music and refreshments for the kick off to the holiday season in Old Town Fredericksburg, known for its unique shops and friendly, personalized service. Free. [www.historicfredericksburgvirginia.com/](http://www.historicfredericksburgvirginia.com/)

**12 Urban Trail Ride** Riders on their own horses tour Old Town Fredericksburg, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. \$ [www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR](http://www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR)

**12 to 14 Market in the Square** Select vendors from the entire eastern seaboard come with a unique selection of food, fine gifts, clothing, furnishings and jewelry, at Fredericksburg Square. \$

**18 to 20 Shakespeare Weekend** The works of the Bard are performed by the professional troupe, Shenandoah Shakespeare Company in Ann Carter Lee Ballroom, Mary Washington College. \$ [www.fredfest.org](http://www.fredfest.org)

**19 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Craft Show** Craftspeople convene to show and sell their originally crafted handiwork, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Free. [www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR/index.htm](http://www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR/index.htm)

**19 and 20 Fall Open House** Enjoy wines from Hartwood Winery and a guest winery. Tours, hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary glass, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$ [www.hartwoodwinery.com](http://www.hartwoodwinery.com)

**25 The Children's Christmas Tree Lighting** The community gathers to sing carols with Santa Claus and light the City Christmas Tree, at the corner of Princess Anne and George Sts., 6 p.m. Free. [www.historicfredericksburgvirginia.com/](http://www.historicfredericksburgvirginia.com/)

## December

**2 Colonial Christmas Open House** The sights and sounds of a colonial Christmas at the Rising Sun Tavern, 6 to 9 p.m. Free.

**2 POPS Concert** A selection of holiday and popular favorites, 7:30 p.m. at Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall, Mary Washington College. Free. [www.umw.edu/musc](http://www.umw.edu/musc)

## December

**3 Deck the Halls 2005** Noted floral consultant Jan Williams demonstrates how to use native plants and evergreens to create extraordinary holiday decorations, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. \$

**3 Celebrate the Holidays With the Monroes** President and Mrs. Monroe greet guests at the James Monroe Museum's open house with period music and light refreshments, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free.

**3 Spotsylvania County Holiday Parade** A variety of participants parade at Spotsylvania Courthouse, 2 to 4 p.m. Free.

**3 Annual Christmas Parade** A downtown Fredericksburg holiday tradition with bands, marching units and floats, followed by Santa and Mrs. Claus, 6 p.m. Free.

**4 Eighth Annual Model Train Display and Show** Operating layouts and displays of all types of trains, vendors, children's play trains and door prizes, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select. \$



**4 Christmas Open House** Evening candlelight tours and refreshments at the Mary Washington House, the home George Washington bought for his mother, 4 to 7 p.m. Free.

**5 Courthouse Christmas and Luminaria** A holiday concert provided by local church choirs and music groups on the Old Spotsylvania Courthouse Lawn, 4:30 p.m. Free.

**7 Belmont Holiday Open House** The home of the artists Gari Melchers, decorated by the Lake Anna Garden Club and members of the Belmont staff, will open for free tours, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. [www.garimelchers.org](http://www.garimelchers.org)

**10 to 30 Gingerbread Exhibit and Contest** A display and competition of decorative confections based on 18<sup>th</sup> century life at George Washington's Ferry Farm, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily \$ [www.gwffoundation.org](http://www.gwffoundation.org)

**10 and 11 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Tour** A tour of holiday-decorated historic homes, entertainment, refreshments and detailed historical and architectural information, Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to p.m. \$ [www.hffi.org](http://www.hffi.org)

For the complete calendar listing,  
go to [www.VisitFred.com](http://www.VisitFred.com)

## January

### Continuing to 7 - "Goldilocks and the Christmas Bears"

Children's theater at the Riverside Dinner Theater, Saturdays 1 p.m. lunch, 2 p.m. show. \$

[www.riversidedt.com](http://www.riversidedt.com)

**Continuing to 19 - "The Sound of Music"** Perhaps the world's most popular musical - at the Riverside Dinner Theater, nightly, 6:30 dinner, 8 p.m. show time, Sunday matinees. \$ [www.riversidedt.com](http://www.riversidedt.com) -

**6 - First Friday** A celebration of the arts in Old Town Fredericksburg with new exhibit openings in downtown galleries, times varying but within 6 to 9:30 p.m. - Free.

**14 - to March 11 - "Snoopy"** - Children's theater at the Riverside Dinner Theater, Saturdays 1 p.m. lunch, 2 p.m. show. \$ [www.riversidedt.com](http://www.riversidedt.com)

### 15 - Hugh Mercer Birthday Party

A celebration of the 278th birthday of this colonial patriot and physician with bagpipe music, special tours and refreshments, 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop. - Free. [www.apva.org/apva/events.php](http://www.apva.org/apva/events.php)

### 16 - Cultural Awareness Series

Jim Vance, WRC-TV News 4 anchor is the speaker - honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 4 p.m. at Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall, University of Mary Washington. - Free. - [www.umw.edu/multicultural](http://www.umw.edu/multicultural)

**26 to March 3 - Mid-Atlantic New Painting Competition** open to artists in the Mid-Atlantic with works in any medium completed in the past two years at Ridderhof-Martin Gallery of the University of Mary Washington, regular gallery hours. Free. - [www.umw.edu/umw\\_galleries/](http://www.umw.edu/umw_galleries/)

**28 - Annual Barrel Tasting** Taste 'wine before its time' as you sample wines aging in the barrels and compare with the finished wines in the bottles at Hartwood Winery, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$ [www.hartwoodwinery.com](http://www.hartwoodwinery.com)

## February

**3 - First Friday** A celebration of the arts in Old Town Fredericksburg with new exhibit openings in downtown galleries, times varying but within 6 to 9:30 p.m. Free.

**4 to April 30 - "Ragtime The Musical"** The colorful musical is performed at the Riverside Dinner Theater nightly, 6:30 dinner, 8 p.m. show time, Sunday matinees. \$ [www.riversidedt.com](http://www.riversidedt.com)



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**10 - The Sweet Side of Life** Music, dancing and decadent desserts provided by select Fredericksburg restaurants and caterers, 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select. \$

**16 to 26 - "Forever Plaid"** Musical comedy at Klein Theater of the University Mary Washington. Shows at Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. \$ [www.umw.edu/events](http://www.umw.edu/events)

**17 to 26 - Senior Studio Art Major Exhibition** Senior studio art majors of the University of Mary Washington display their works, and offer some for sale, duPont Gallery, regular gallery hours. Free. [www.umw.edu/events](http://www.umw.edu/events)

**18 - George Washington's Birthday Celebration** Ferry Farm, Washington's boyhood home, celebrates our nation's first President's birth with colonial era activities, games, crafts and birthday cake, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$ [www.kenmore.org/foundation/events.html](http://www.kenmore.org/foundation/events.html)

**19 - Black History Day** Exhibit and special events commemorating the black history of Spotsylvania County, Marshall Building at Spotsylvania Courthouse, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

**20 - President's Day** Six historic homes and museums open for half price admission in honor of George Washington, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See the Fredericksburg Area Museum, James Monroe Museum, Rising Sun Tavern, Belmont, Mary Washington House, and Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop in Washington's home town. \$ [www.apva.org/apva/events.php](http://www.apva.org/apva/events.php)

**22 - George Washington's Birthday** The Mary Washington House, which George bought for his mother, marks Washington's birthday with costumed tours and refreshments, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$ [www.apva.org/apva/events.php](http://www.apva.org/apva/events.php)

**22 - George Washington's Birthday** Washington's boyhood home at Ferry Farm and his sister's home, Kenmore, will celebrate with free admission for the day. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. [www.kenmore.org](http://www.kenmore.org)

**24 - UMW Jazz Ensemble** A 7:30 p.m. concert at Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall, University of Mary Washington. Free. [www.umw.edu/events](http://www.umw.edu/events)

**25 - George Washington's Young Friends** First person interpreters will talk to visitors about life in the 18th century at Ferry Farm, the boyhood home of George Washington. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$ [www.ferryfarm.org](http://www.ferryfarm.org)

**25 - Magnolia Ball** A gala event with dinner, dancing to the music of the Fredericksburg Big Band, and a silent and live auction, 6 pm at Augustine's at Fredericksburg Square. \$ [www.hospicesupportcare.org](http://www.hospicesupportcare.org)

**26 - Music Mania** A children's event celebrating music with interactive, hands-on music activities, at Dorothy Hart Community Center. \$ [www.fredericksburgva.gov/pr](http://www.fredericksburgva.gov/pr)